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GENEALOGY OF THE ATWELL FAMILY,
FORMERLY OF NEW LONDON, CONN.

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The authorities relied upon in compiling this outline are :

Calkins' History of New London, Conn.
Savage's Genealogical History of First Settlers of New England.
Public Records of the State and of the Colony of Connecticut.
Record of Connecticut Men in the War of the Revolution.
Family Record kept by Joseph Atwell, of Watertown, N. Y.
Manuscript of Henry A. Baker, Esq., of Oakdale, Conn.
Manuscript from various heads of families.

I. BENJAMIN ATWELL, Constable, b. ———; d. 1683. Of New London, Conn.

This is the earliest of our American ancestors of whom we have any record. When he came to New London is not known. His name appears in a grant of land from the New London Company, April 23, 1663. He sold a house to Lieut. John Stedman prior to 1672. He was constable of New London in 1675; m. Mary ———, date and surname unknown.

Chil. BENJAMIN, b. 1668; d. 1723, Farmer. See ii.

THOMAS, b. 1670. In the stocks and fined 10 s. for "night walking," Sabbath night, Sept. 17, 1693.

MARY, b. 1672. Said to have left descendants.

WILLIAM, b. 1674.

JOHN, b. 1675. Removed to Saybrook; known to have been there in 1710.

JOSEPH, b. 1678. Left no descendants.

RICHARD, b. 1679; d. 1727, m. 1st, Elizabeth Baker; second, Joanna. See iii.

SAMUEL, b. 1681, m. 1st Mary, 2nd Ruth. See iv.

In 1710 Joseph, Richard, and Samuel settled upon the Indian lands of the North Parish, which in 1786 became Montville.

II. BENJAMIN ATWELL, Farmer, b. about 1668; d. 1723. Oldest son of Benjamin, the Constable. Named in Patent from New London Co., Oct. 14, 1704. Settled in North Parish about 1705. With his wife, Mary, united with the church at New London, June 29, 1711. After his death she married George Minard.

Chil. MARY, b. Oct. 11, 1703; m. Jason Allen.

BENJAMIN, b. July 24, 1707; probably died young.

JOSEPH, b. June 26, 1710; m. Martha Comstock, 1734. See v.

III. RICHARD ATWELL, b. 1679; d. 1727; sixth son of Benjamin, the Constable; m. Elizabeth Baker, Mar. 11, 1702, who was dau. of Joshua Baker and Hannah (Tongue) Minter, b. May 9, 1676. Settled in the North Parish (Montville) of New London, Ct., near Oxoboxo Pond. He owned the farm. His wife died 1709 and he married Joanna. He appears as administrator of the estate of Walter Bodington, Jr., of Groton, in 1716, when his name was spelled Attwell.

Chil. by Elizabeth, first wife :

RICHARD, bapt. April, 1702, d. young.

BENJAMIN, bapt. July 14, 1706.

ELIZABETH, bapt. Apr. 24, 1709; m. Wm. Chapel, June 23, 1726.

RICHARD, born Oct., 1709; m. Nabby or Abigail. See vi.

Chil. by Joanna, second wife :

JOANNA, b. Aug. 10, 1716; m. Samuel Bill, Nov. 27, 1740.

JOHN, b. Jan. 19, 1718.

BENJAMIN, b. Oct. 18, 1719; m. Mercy Fox, Aug. 15, 1751. He fought in the French and Indian war.

PATIENCE, b. April 26, 1721.

SAMUEL, b. June 8, 1723; married. See vii.

- IV. SAMUEL ATWELL, b. Apr. 23, 1681. Youngest son of Benjamin, the Constable; m. 1st, Mary; 2nd, Ruth Coz, June 19, 1726.

Chil. by Mary :

SARAH, b. ———; m. Philip Goff.

HANNAH, b. ———; m. Ezekiel Chapel.

THANKFUL, b. ———; m. Ebenezer Williams.

ANN, b. ———.

JERUSHA, b. ———; m. Nathaniel Goff.

Chil. by Ruth :

RUTH, baptized July 16, 1727.

BENJAMIN, baptized Nov. 8, 1730.

No further record of this family has come to light.

- V. JOSEPH ATWELL, Farmer, b. 1710; d. ———; son of Benjamin, the Farmer; m. March 27, 1734, Martha Comstock, who was b. about 1715, dau. of Samuel Comstock and Martha Jones.

Chil. BENJAMIN, the Ensign, b. 1735; d. May 13, 1806; m. Mary Ann Lee. See viii.

JOSEPH, b. 1740; d. about 1800; m. Lucretia Atwell. See ix.

- VI. RICHARD ATWELL, b. Oct. 19, 1709; d. about Nov., 1807; son of Richard, b. 1679; m. Abigail ———. Lived on his father's farm, which his heirs sold to Asabel Otis. Will was probated Nov. 9, 1807. [Seems more probable that the Richard who died in 1807 was the *son* of the Richard born in 1709].

Chil. RICHARD, b. ———.

WILLIAM, b. ———.

PHEBE, b. ———; m. Griswold.

LUCY, b. ———.

NANCY, b. ———.

ABIGAIL, b. ———.

CYNTHIA, b. ———.

No further record of this family has come to light.

VII. SAMUEL ATWELL, b. July 8, 1723; son of Richard, b. 1679. Settled in Montville and lived many years on a leased farm in Mohegan; m. Mary ———.

Chil. LUCRETIA, b. Nov., 1749; d. Oct. 26, 1851 (aged 102 yrs.); m. *Joseph Atwell*, her second cousin. See ix.

MIMA, b. Nov. 19, 1749; unmarried.

MARY, b. ———.

SUSAN, b. ———.

JASON, b. ———; m. Williams.

SAMUEL, b. May, 1755; d. Nov. 26, 1850, at New London, Conn. Was a Pensioner of the Revolution; a farmer, living on Indian land at Mohegan, Conn.; m. Betsy Vibber, dau. of Nathaniel Vibber, b. Aug. 31, 1774; had one child, SAMUEL HAZZARD ATWELL, b. Jan., 1814, and m. Harriet Church, dau. of Pelez Church and Nancy Leach. They had *Henrietta*, b. April 18, 1846, who m. Chauncey Whaley.

JEHU, b. ———; moved to New York state.

DELIGHT, b. 1771. Had one son, Thos. Jefferson, who died unmarried.

VIII. BENJAMIN ATWELL, Ensign, oldest son of Joseph Atwell, Farmer; b. 1735; d. May 12, 1806, Montville, Conn. Calls himself Benjamin *second* in his will. He was blacksmith and farmer. Appointed Ensign in Colonial train-band, New London, 1772. In 1775 marched under Arnold against Quebec; escaped capture but lost his gun. Appointed Ensign Nov., 1776, by the State assembly, in 4th battalion under Capt. Jonathan Calkins; resigned soon after. Left money, tenements and lands, the real estate going by will to two grandsons, George Benjamin and James. His snuff-box is (1896) in the keeping of Charles B. Atwell. m. Mary Ann Lee, dau. of Benjamin Lee of Lyme. She appears to have been related to the celebrated John Lee of Lyme, passing down to her posterity his famous dying charge.

Chil. GEORGE, b. ———; d. ———; Free-will Baptist minister. Supposed to have removed to Windham Co., Conn.

JOSEPH, b. 1768; d. 1843; Blacksmith and Farmer. See x.

LUCINDA, b. ———; d. ———; m. Lattimore and moved to Tenn.

HANNAH, b. ———; d. ———; m. Tennant and moved to Colchester and died there.

- IX. JOSEPH ATWELL, b. 1740; d. about 1800; son of Joseph, the Farmer; m. *Lucretia Atwell*, Feb. 8, 1769, his second cousin, being dau. of Samuel Atwell, who was son of Richard Atwell, son of Benjamin, the Constable. She lived in New London till 102 years of age, dying Oct. 26, 1851.

Chil. CHARLES, history not known.

NANCY, m. Thompson.

Lucretia's 100th birthday was celebrated by the neighbors making a donation party. An immense mince-pie occupied the center of the table. "The aged mother enjoyed the feast like one who had renewed her youth." "The aged pilgrim had always led a quiet country life, living in a plain and frugal manner." She was esteemed by her neighbors for her kindness and her thankful spirit." She recalled vividly the events of the French and Indian war, particularly the return of her uncle Benjamin (born 1719) who had been absent a long time "soldiering agin the French in Canada."—*Baker's manuscript*.

- X. JOSEPH ATWELL, Blacksmith-Farmer, second son of Benjamin Atwell, Ensign; b. Feb. 29, 1768, Montville, Conn.; d. Mar. 26, 1843, Pharsalia, N. Y.; moved from Montville to Hebron, Conn., about 1800, and thence to Chenango Co., N. Y., 1809. His carved powder-horn, made by Stephen Rogers at Lake George, 1758, is (1896) in keeping of Charles B. Atwell; m. Ruth P. Sterling, 1792 (b. Oct., 1773, d. July, 1861, Pharsalia, N. Y.)

Chil. LYDIA, b. 1793, Montville, Conn.; d. 1795, Montville, Conn.

ELIZA, b. 1795, Montville; d. 1891, Waterville, N. Y.; m. Henry Coggeshall, 1814.

JAMES, the Itinerant, b. 1797, Montville; d. 1860, Theresa, N. Y.; m. Fanny Frink, 1816. See xi.

JOSEPH, b. 1799; d. 1800, Montville.

MARY ANN, b. 1802, Hebron, Conn.; d. 1887, Black Creek, Wis.; m. Elias Widger.

DANIEL LEE, b. 1804, Hebron, Conn.; d. 1878, California; m. Mehit-able June. See xii.

BENJAMIN, Farmer, b. 1806, Hebron, Conn.; d. 1893, Waupun, Wis.; m. Ruby Sage. See xiii.

SAMUEL STERLING, Machinist, b. 1808, Hebron, Conn.; d. 1890, Cleveland, O.; m. 1st, Esther Brown; 2nd, Eliza Cheeseboro; two children, both died young.

WILLIAM ROSS, b. 1811, Pharsalia, N. Y.; d. 1836, Joliet, Ill.; one child, Eliza, m. Plumb.

ONESIMUS MEAD, b. 1813, Pharsalia, N. Y.; living at Hoboken, N. J.; m. Hannah Coakley. See xiv.

CAROLINE RUTH, b. 1816, Pharsalia, N. Y.; d. 1866, New Berlin, N. Y.; m. William Sage.

XI. JAMES ATWELL, the Itinerant, b. Jan. 11, 1797, Montville, Conn.; d. Feb. 7, 1860, Theresa, N. Y. Moved to Pharsalia, N. Y., with his father's family, 1809. In early years was a farmer. Became an itinerant Methodist minister, 1826, upon the Chenango circuit. Superannuated 1857. Agent for the Jefferson Co. (N. Y.) Bible Society, 1859. Died at home of his son, Joseph. Buried at Chittenango, N. Y.; m. Fanny Frink, Sept. 8, 1816, of Stonington, Conn. (b. 1796; d. 1864 at Chittenango, N. Y.)

Chil. GEORGE BENJAMIN, Farmer, b. 1817, Pharsalia, N. Y.; d. 1890, Lowville, N. Y. See xv.

FRANCIS FELLOWS, Business-man, b. 1818, Pharsalia, N. Y.; d. 1888, Knoxville, Tenn.; buried at Chittenango, N. Y.; unmarried; Cazenovia Sem. 1838; Manlius Acad.; A. B. Hamilton Coll, 1845; teacher several years and business man many years in Knoxville, Tenn.; influential Presbyterian; Union man. When Knoxville fell into the hands of the Confederates, he escaped north through the mountains, traveling by night on foot. He lived many years at home of Hon. Perez Dickinson. See Knoxville papers of May 29-30, 1888.

HANNAH MARIA, b. 1820, Pharsalia, N. Y.; d. 1848, Danby, N. Y.; Cazenovia Seminary, 1837; m. Charles Hill, 1844; one child.

JOSEPH, Business-man, b. 1822, Pharsalia, N. Y.; d. 1892, Watertown, N. Y. See xvi.

FANNY ELIZA, b. 1827, Guilford, N. Y.; d. 1896, Chittenango, N. Y.; Cazenovia Sem. 1855; taught in Chittenango, Vernon, and Clarkville, N. Y. Her house became the home center for this family. Last family reunion was held there in July, 1886, when the four brothers were present with this sister. "She was a person of queenly dignity, yet modest and self-forgetful;" m. Ambrose E. Gorton, 1855. *Child*, FANNIE EVA, b. June 8, 1858 (Mrs. I. B. A. Taylor, of Middletown, N. Y.) who has two children, Gorton Taylor, b. 1884, and Allen Atwell Taylor, b. 1892; graduate of Cazenovia Seminary.

JAMES STERLING, Merchant, b. 1831, Pharsalia, N. Y.; d. 1888, Syracuse, N. Y. See xvii.

XII. DANIEL LEE ATWELL, b. Apr. 7, 1804, Hebron, Conn.; d. April, 1878, California; third son of Joseph, the blacksmith-farmer; m. Mehitable June, Oct., 1825.

Chil. ALEXANDER B., b. ———; Physician. See xviii.

ALLEN JEFFREY, b. 1836, Pharsalia, N. Y.; d. 1890, Visalia, Cal. See xix.

XIII. BENJAMIN ATWELL, b. May 12, 1806, at Hebron, Conn.; d. Mar. 26, 1893, at Waupun, Wis.; m. Ruby Sage, June, 1829.

Child. ORVILLE M., b. June 14, 1830, at New Berlin, N. Y.; m. 1st, Julia A. Boiden, 1851; 2nd, Ada Mather, 1888; no children.

XIV. ONESIMUS MEAD ATWELL, b. June 10, 1813, Pharsalia, N. Y.; at present living with his adopted son, Dr. David R. Atwell, at Hoboken, N. J.; m. Hannah Coakley, 1838, dau. of John Coakley, a soldier of the Revolution.

Chil. LOUISE, died at 5 years.

OSCAR M., b. ———; d. Jan. 4, 1863; enlisted in 1861; wounded in battle of Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862; died in Leucon hospital.

XV. GEORGE BENJAMIN ATWELL, Farmer, oldest son of James, the Itinerant; b. July 4, 1817, Pharsalia, N. Y.; d. Sept. 7, 1890, at Martinsburg, N. Y.; m. Mary Ann Peck, Nov., 1838, dau. of Rev. Luther Peck.

Chil. GEORGE WESLEY, b. Feb., 1840; d. July 31, 1862, at Manassas Junction; enlisted Nov., 1861, in 8th N. Y. Cavalry, Co. H.; died of fever in Army hospital.

WILBER, b. 1842; d. Aug. 3, 1844.

SOPHIA JANE, b. Sept., 1845; resides at Martinsburg, N. Y.

WILLIAM JAMES, b. June 11, 1847; Farmer, at Martinsburg, N. Y.; m. Nettie Brown, Nov. 20, 1889; one child, *Florence C.*, b. Feb. 6, 1891.

FRANCIS EMORY, b. 1852; Farmer, Martinsburg, N. Y.; m. Ella F. Taylor, Dec. 21, 1873; one child, *Vercy Genevive*, b. Apr. 26, 1886.

ANNA MARIA, b. 1853; m. William O. LaVauchard; no children.

XVI. JOSEPH ATWELL, Business man; third son of James, the Itinerant; b. Nov. 12, 1822, Pharsalia, N. Y.; d. Dec. 5, 1892, Watertown, N. Y.; educated at Manlius Academy; Merchant in Jefferson Co., N. Y., 1848 to 1866; Supervisor, 1860; State Commissioner of Public Accounts, Albany, N. Y., 1862; Insurance-man 1866-1879; Deputy Collector U. S. Customs 1879-1887; active official member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years; m. Mary Beach of Barker, N. Y., Apr. 14, 1853, dau. of Charles Brewster Beach; she was at Cazenovia Seminary, 1852; she now resides at Chaumont, N. Y.

Chil. CHARLES BEACH, b. Apr. 11, 1855, Theresa, N. Y. See xx.

JOSEPH, b. June 7, 1858, Theresa, N. Y. See xxi.

WILLIAM GROO, b. May 9, 1863, Theresa, N. Y. See xxii.

- XVII. JAMES STERLING ATWELL, Merchant; youngest son of James, the Itinerant; b. July 22, 1831, Pharsalia, N. Y.; d. Apr. 24, 1888, Syracuse, N. Y.; Merchant 15 years in Chittenango, N. Y., and 16 years in Syracuse, N. Y.; m. Sophia L. Osborn, 1856.
- Chil.* JAMES, b. Jan. 1, 1857, Chittenango, N. Y.
 JOHN, b. Oct. 8, 1862, Chittenango, N. Y. See xxiii.
 JEANNETTE, b. Aug. 4, 1870, Chittenango, N. Y.; resides with her mother at Syracuse, N. Y.
- XVIII. ALEXANDER B. ATWELL, Physician; b. ———; m. Mary Bailey: resides at Visalia, Cal.
- Chil.* HENRIETTA, b. ———; deceased; m. John T. Brown.
 MARY, b. ———; d. ———; m. Theodore Stone.
 EMMA, b. ———; m. W. L. Smith.
 WILLIAM, b. ———.
 CLARA, b. ———; deceased.
- XIX. ALLEN JEFFREY ATWELL, Lawyer; b. Apr. 16, 1836, Pharsalia, N. Y.; d. Nov. 21, 1890, at Visalia, Cal.; grad. Lawrence Univ., Wis.; District Attorney, 1872; State Assembly-man, 1882; m. Mary M. Van Epps, Apr. 9, 1861.
- Chil.* MARY, b. Jan. 10, 1862, m. F. M. Creighton, Feb. 25, 1883.
 MARTHA, b. Sept. 1, 1863; d. Oct. 18, 1864.
 ARTHUR JAMES, b. Nov. 30, 1865.
 HELEN M., b. Dec. 5, 1867; m. Guy Gilmer, Apr. 3, 1887.
 WASHINGTON IRVING, June 27, 1872.
 CHARLES CLARENCE, May 18, 1875.
 ALLEN LEE, Nov. 2, 1877.
 PAUL FRANCIS, Nov. 28, 1879.
 ETHEL PAULINE, Sept. 1, 1881.
 LIZZETTE B., May 9, 1884.
- XX. CHARLES BEACH ATWELL, Teacher; b. Apr. 11, 1855, Theresa, N. Y.; class of 1875 Watertown (N. Y.) high school; Ph. B. Syracuse University, 1879; Ph. M., 1881; taught in Lowville (N. Y.) Academy, 1879-80, and in Evanston, Ill., since 1880; appointed professor in Northwestern University, June, 1891; m. Mary Josephine Kellogg, of Watertown, N. Y., Dec. 27, 1883, dau. of Henry H. Kellogg.
- Chil.* HENRY KELLOGG, b. Oct. 22, 1884, Watertown, N. Y.
 FRANCIS CHARLES, b. Mar. 26, 1887, Evanston, Ill.
 RUTH SARAH, b. Jan. 24, 1889, Evanston, Ill.
 WILLIAM JOSEPH, b. Oct. 13, 1892, Evanston, Ill.

XXI. JOSEPH ATWELL, Lawyer; b. June 7, 1858, Theresa, N. Y.; resides at Watertown, N. Y.; class of 1877 Watertown high school; admitted to the bar, 1881; City Attorney, 1885 and 1886; elected Supervisor, 1887; Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Jefferson Co., N. Y., 1893- —; m. Lillian Duxtater Bond of Adams, N. Y., June 7, 1888.

Chil. ROSALIND BOND, b. June 8, 1889, Adams, N. Y.

GLADYS STEVENS, b. Mar. 19, 1896, Watertown, N. Y.

XXII. WILLIAM GROO ATWELL, Minister; b. May 9, 1863, Theresa, N. Y.; resides at Chaumont, N. Y.; class of 1882 Watertown (N. Y.) high school; A. B., 1886, Syracuse University; A. M., 1888; B. D. from Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., 1894; taught in Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College, Kent's Hill, Me., 1886-7, and in Cazenovia (N. Y.) Seminary, 1887 to 1891; joined the Northern N. Y. Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1893; pastor at Spragueville, N. Y., summer 1892; Bethany chapel, Watertown, N. Y., winter 1892-3; Altinor, N. Y., summer 1893; Chaumont, N. Y., 1894- —; m. Mary Evelyn Peck, of Cortland, N. Y., Aug. 31, 1893, dau. of Andrew Peck.

Child. FLORENCE, b. Nov. 26, 1895, Chaumont, N. Y.

XXIII. JOHN ATWELL, Insurance man; second son of James S. Atwell; b. Oct. 8, 1862; education at Syracuse University; m. Mary S. Farrar, of Denver, Col., Jan. 14, 1891; resides at Syracuse, N. Y.

Chil. JAMES FARRAR, b. Jan. 21, 1892.

HAROLD LEON, b. Apr. 8, 1893.

JOHN SPRING, b. Apr. 18, 1896.

AN INTERESTING NOTE.

The Revolution Records of Connecticut Men show:—THOMAS ATWELL was a member of the Sixth Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers, Fifth Company, under Col. Parsons; enlisted May 6, 1775; discharged Dec. 10, 1775. THOMAS ATWELL was a member of the Fourth Regiment, recruited mainly from Windham and New London Counties, Conn. This company was at the battle of Germantown and wintered at Valley Forge. He enlisted Apr. 20, 1778, for eight months, and was discharged Nov. 18, 1778. THOMAS ATWELL was a member of the Eighth Regiment from Conn.; enlisted Sept. 10, 1780, and discharged Dec. 12, 1780. These were probably one and the same man and doubtless a descendant of Benjamin Atwell, the Constable, of New London. Miss Calkins says that Thomas Atwell, second son of Benjamin, the Constable, left descendants. The Thomas named above may have been one of them.



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